

Application No. 10/616,849
Amendment dated January 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 8, 2005

REMARKS

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, all pending claims (claims 1-16 and 24-32) have been found allowable. FIG. 2 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(A). The specification was objected to as lacking a Summary section. The applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and otherwise traverses the noted objections. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

FIG. 2 has been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(A). Applicant's representative discussed this objection with the Examiner in a telephone interview kindly conducted by the Examiner on January 4, 2006. It is the applicant's understanding that the Examiner now agrees that FIG. 2 in its present form is suitably compliant with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.83(A) and that no changes or amendments to the drawings are required at this time.

The specification has been objected to as lacking a Summary. Although such a section is optional and suggested rather than required, and although the applicant ordinarily prefers to eschew inclusion of a Summary per se, in the interests of expedited prosecution the applicant now accedes to the Examiner's request and by this amendment now presents a Summary section. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

There being no other rejections of or objections to the application, the applicants respectfully submit that this application may be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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